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SUBJ: INCIDENTS INVOLVING POLICE AND REFUGEES

REF: KL 3397 (NOTAL)

1. SENIOR FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 19 THAT ROYAL MALAYSIAN POLICE IN TRENGGANU HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN SEVERAL INCIDENTS WITH VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ON PULAU PERHENTIAN, INCLUDING: A) "ORGIES" WITH YOUNG VIETNAMESE GIRLS; B) TAKING BRIBES FROM REFUGEES WHO WANT TO OBTAIN RELIEF SUPPLIES AND TO LEAVE ISLAND FOR SHORT PERIODS OF TIME; AND C) PURCHASING FROM REFUGEES SEVERAL VEHICLES THAT FORMERLY BELONGED TO PHILIPPINE EMBASSY IN SAIGON. REGARDING LAST PROBLEM, REFUGEES LOADED PHILIPPINE EMBASSY VEHICLES ON TO LANDING CRAFT IN SAIGON, BROUGHT THEM TO PULAU PERHENTIAN AND SOLD THEM TO LOCAL POLICE OFFICERS FOR ABOUT US200 DOLLARS EACH. PHILIPPINE EMBASSY HAS PROTESTED OFFICIALLY TO GOM AND HAS DEMANDED RETURN OF VEHICLES. FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS SAID POLICE CORRUPTION NOW BEING INVESTIGATED BY NATIONAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND THAT HE IS SURE THAT CHARGES WILL BE BROUGHT AGAINST MALEFACTORS.

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2. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST INDICATION WE HAVE HAD OF
CORRUPT OR IMPROPER ACTIVITIES OF MALAYSIANS REGARDING
VIETNAMESE REFUGEES. PENDING FURTHER REPORT FROM OUR
CONSULAR TEAM AT PULAU PERHENTIAN (REFTEL) WE WOULD ASSUME
THAT MALAYSIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE TAKEN ACTION TO PUT AN
END TO SUCH OCCURRENCES.
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